# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# MINORITY AFFAIRS
# LOK SABHA

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Skill Centres in Minority Localities
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**Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

a) whether there is huge demand for setting up of skill development and entrepreneurship centres in minority localities;

b) if so, the details thereof and the efforts being made by the Government to meet this demand;

c) whether sufficient number of skill development and entrepreneurship centres are not being opened in minority localities due to unavailability of adequate land and if so, the details thereof; and

d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
(SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI)

(a) to (b): The Government is implementing Multi-sectoral Development Programme (MsDP) in 710 Minority Concentration Blocks (MCBs), 66 Minority Concentration Towns (MCTs) and 13 Minority Concentration clusters of contiguous villages. The aim of the programme is to fill the gaps in the existing schemes of the Government of India by providing additional resources. The projects taken up under MsDP are related to the provision of better infrastructure for education, health, skill development, sanitation etc. The projects approved under MsDP are demand based. The projects for creation of infrastructure for skill development approved under MsDP so far include 166 Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) and 47 Polytechnic institutions. It is done on the proposals submitted by the State Governments based on the local need and criteria of MsDP. There is no provision of setting up of skill development and entrepreneurship centres under MsDP.

(c) & (d) The land for creation of infrastructure for all assets is provided by the State Government including the projects for construction of infrastructure for skill development like ITIs and Polytechnics. The projects are considered only on the declaration of the State Government that the land for construction is available as per the guidelines of programme. All the projects approved under the MsDP are located in identified Minority Concentration Areas.

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